



# NEVADA FAMILY JURISDICTION JUDGES 2016 CONFERENCE

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March 2 - 3, 2016  
BRISTLECONE CONVENTION CENTER  
Ely, Nevada



# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Bristlecone Convention Center

## **WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 2, 2016**

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	REGISTRATION
12:45 - 1:00 PM	OPENING OF 2016 CONFERENCE
1:00 - 2:30 PM	TOOLS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY FOR FAMILY JURISDICTION JUDGES
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 - 4:15 PM	THE FAMILY COURT PERSPECTIVE ON SEX TRAFFICKING

## **THURSDAY**

**MARCH 3, 2016**

7:00 - 8:00 AM	BUFFET BREAKFAST (Sponsored by the State Bar)
8:00 - 9:00 AM	INSIGHTS FROM CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL GIBBONS: IMPACTS AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM RECENT NEVADA APPELLATE FAMILY LAW CASES
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Break
9:15 - 10:15 AM	SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM FINDINGS IN THE CONTEXT OF FAMILY LAW
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 - 11:30 AM	SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM FINDINGS IN THE CONTEXT OF FAMILY LAW (concluded)
11:30 - 11:35 AM	CLOSE OF 2016 CONFERENCE
11:35 AM	Lunch (Sponsored by the State Bar)
<b><u>Total CLE:</u></b>	<b>6 CLE (1.5 Hours <i>Ethics</i>)</b>

Save the Date:

April 26-29, 2016

Nevada Judicial Leadership Summit

*Nevada Judiciary - Maintaining a High Standard*

Harrah's Lake Tahoe





# AGENDA AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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**TOOLS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY FOR FAMILY JURISDICTION JUDGES**

(1.5 Hours *Ethics* CLE)

*Presiding Judge Charles Hoskin, Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division*

*Presiding Judge Bridget Robb, Second Judicial District Court, Family Division*

*Thomas J. Standish, Esq., Standish Naimi Law Group*

This session will describe tools which family jurisdiction judges can employ to obtain more complete and relevant information and evidence at trial, to conduct trials more efficiently, and to maximize the use of the judges' valuable time. The documents to be discussed will include:

- the Marital Balance Sheet (the form adopted by the Supreme Court under NRCP 16.2) - with formatting examples to better aid the judge in identifying the issues and supplying Excel-based calculations to assist the court in distributing property;
- a "Non-Discretionary/Discretionary Expense Chart" which segregates non-discretionary and discretionary expenses for the judge, and provides a side-by-side comparison of each party's expenses to aid the judge in deciding alimony and child support issues; and
- a sample Trial Exhibit Book with a detailed exhibit list and sample exhibits (which are each bates-stamped in numerical order) for ease of examination of each witness.

2:30 - 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 - 4:15 PM

**THE FAMILY COURT PERSPECTIVE ON SEX TRAFFICKING (1.5 Hours CLE)**

*Judge Egan Walker, Second Judicial District Court, Family Division*

This presentation will address the impact of sex trafficking as it manifests in family court settings. Guardianship, foster care, and permanency are just some of the areas in which sex trafficking can have significant impact. Would you recognize the signs and, if so, would you know the proper courses of action?



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8:00 - 9:00 AM	<b>INSIGHTS FROM CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL GIBBONS: IMPACTS AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM RECENT NEVADA APPELLATE FAMILY LAW CASES (1 Hour CLE)</b> <i>Chief Judge Michael Gibbons, Nevada Court of Appeals</i>  Chief Judge Michael Gibbons will offer insight into recent Nevada appellate family law cases and their applicability to district court judges. Attendees will also learn what the Court of Appeals judges look for when reviewing and deciding a case. Information from this class can be used to help to reduce reversals and remands.
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Break
9:15 - 10:15 AM	<b>SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM FINDINGS IN THE CONTEXT OF FAMILY LAW (2 Hours CLE)</b> <i>Rachell Ekroos, PhC, APRN-BC, AFN-BC</i> <i>Center for Forensic Nursing Excellence International</i>  In this two-part session, we will discuss different types of physical findings that may be documented during forensic medical exams of children with a history or suspected history of sexual abuse within the family. Common myths about injury will be debunked and we will talk about the meaning of “no visible injuries.” The presentation will also include discussions about familial sexual exploitation of children, technology enabled abuse against children, and strangulation as a form of familial violence.
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 - 11:30 AM	<b>SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM FINDINGS IN THE CONTEXT OF FAMILY LAW (concluded)</b>
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# FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

## **RACHELL EKROOS, PhC, APRN-BC, AFN-BC**

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**Rachell Ekroos, PhC**, is a family nurse practitioner specializing in forensic nursing. She holds two national ANCC Board Certifications, one as a Family Nurse Practitioner and a second in Advanced Forensic Nursing. She has extensive advanced practice and interdisciplinary experience serving populations affected by violence. Her expertise related to violence across the lifespan includes sexual assault/abuse, intimate partner violence, interpersonal violence, and physical maltreatment. Additional areas of specialized expertise include human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation and technology facilitated crimes against children. She has served as a clinical resource and investigative consultant to numerous organizations and government entities. Ms. Ekroos is a Distinguished Fellow of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, serves as an ANCC Certification Appraiser, and is Chair of the IAFN Scope and Standards of Forensic Nursing Practice task force. Ms. Ekroos currently serves as an advisor or subject matter expert on local and national committees including the National Institute of Justice SAFER Act working group where she chairs the evidence collection subcommittee.



## **CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL GIBBONS**

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**Chief Judge Michael Gibbons** was selected as a judge of the inaugural Nevada Court of Appeals by Governor Brian Sandoval on December 17, 2014. He was named Chief Judge of the court by Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice James W. Hardesty on January 5, 2015.

Judge Gibbons had served as a District Judge for twenty years at the time of his appointment to the Court of Appeals. He was elected to the Ninth Judicial District Court in Minden in 1994 and was reelected four consecutive times. He presided over every type of district court case including criminal, civil, guardianship, probate and trusts, juvenile and family matters.

Judge Gibbons has a lengthy record of service to the bench and bar having been elected President of the Nevada District Judges' Association in 2004 and 2005; elected as the Sierra Region district court representative for the State Judicial Council for twelve years; serving eight years on the Nevada Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices; fourteen years on the Nevada Court Improvement Project for Children; and six years on the governing board of trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He is one of only five District Judges to have ever received the Outstanding Achievement Award in judicial education from the Nevada Supreme Court. He is currently serving on the Nevada State Guardianship Commission.

Judge Gibbons began his legal career in Nevada in 1980 as a law clerk for District Judge Howard D. McKibben. Judge Gibbons was named a Douglas



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County Deputy District Attorney in 1981 and was promoted to Chief Criminal Deputy in 1984. He prosecuted many high profile criminal cases and became known as a champion for victim rights. He was elected President of the Douglas County Bar Association in 1987.

Judge Gibbons sought to help the vulnerable as a judge through legislation and court programs. He was a founding board member of the Nevada State CASA Association (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) and a founder of the Douglas County SAFE Program (Special Advocates for Elders).

Judge Gibbons received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and his law degree from the University of Idaho, College of Law. Judge Gibbons was the only member of his law school class to be selected both as an editor of the *Law Review* and for the Moot Court Team to compete in the northwest regional competition.



## **PRESIDING JUDGE CHARLES HOSKIN**

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**Presiding Judge Charles J. Hoskin** graduated from the University of Utah with a B.A. in Economics in 1988. He received his J.D. from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College in 1991. While attending Northwestern, he served as the Ninth Circuit Review Editor for the *Law Review*.

Judge Hoskin has had several articles published in *The Communique*, the official publication of the Clark County Bar Association. He has been an adjunct

professor for the Community College of Southern Nevada. Judge Hoskin received the "Volunteer of the Year" award in 1999 and the "Circle of Support Award" in 2001 from the Clark County Bar Association. He was voted "Family Court Judge of the Year" by the Family Law Bar in 2011.

Governor Jim Gibbons appointed Judge Hoskin to Department E in March of 2009. He was then elected to that position in 2010. Judge Hoskin serves as the presiding judge over the Family Division in Clark County, Nevada.



## **PRESIDING JUDGE BRIDGET ROBB**

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**Judge Bridget Robb** attended the University of Nevada and the University of Santa Clara School of Law. Judge Robb practiced law in the areas of civil litigation and bankruptcy for more than 20 years. She was appointed by Governor Guinn to the Second Judicial District Court in 2006 and elected to Department 13 of the Second Judicial District Court – Family Division in 2008. In June 2009, Judge Robb also took over administration of the Court Annexed Arbitration Program as Arbitration Judge. In 2012 Judge Robb was appointed to the Business Court bench. She currently acts as presiding judge for the Family Division.







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**Mr. Tom Standish** has been practicing law in Las Vegas, Nevada for over 35 years, devoting his practice exclusively to family law litigation with emphasis on significant contested matters. He has litigated innumerable highly complex cases and is recognized as one of the leading trial lawyers in family law in the State of Nevada. He has lectured extensively to attorneys; serves as a mediator in complex divorce cases; is an adjunct professor at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and is past president of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Standish attended the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Toronto and obtained his law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada in 1977.



**JUDGE EGAN WALKER**

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**Judge Egan Walker** was appointed by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval to serve as the judge in Department 2 of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada on March 10, 2011. He was, thereafter, elected to serve the remainder of Judge Hardy's former term in 2012. He is currently

responsible for the Juvenile Services Division in Washoe County as well as a general divorce, custody, and paternity docket.

Prior to taking the District Court bench, Judge Walker worked as a Family Court Master, a position he held from January 3, 2009 until his appointment by Governor Sandoval. As a court master, Judge Walker re-worked the child support dockets to increase both the volume of cases heard in court, and the total number of cases resolved without a court hearing. He also assisted in the development of the Self-Represented Litigant program, a program designed to better manage cases in which at least one of the parties appears without counsel.

Prior to working as a judicial officer, Judge Walker worked in both private practice and as a Deputy District Attorney in both Carson City and Washoe County. He was responsible for the prosecution of all varieties of criminal misconduct, including nine first degree murder trials and more than twenty trials involving allegations of sexual misconduct and/or child abuse. He was a member of the Washoe County District Attorney's Office Major Violators Unit, and served on the Washoe County Child Death Review Team.

Judge Walker attended the University of Pacific-McGeorge School of Law, graduating in 1991. While attending law school, he worked as a registered nurse in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at the University of California, Davis Medical Center. From 1982 until 1990, Judge Walker was a member of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, working as a medic, flight medic and nurse.





# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## NEVADA FAMILY JURISDICTION JUDGES 2016 CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Session materials, forms, and additional information are available on the Nevada Family Jurisdiction Judges 2016 Conference website, <http://nvcourts.gov/Conferences/Family%20Judges/>. Session materials provided by faculty before the conference are also provided on the USB flash drive in our registration packet.

## JUDICIAL EDUCATION HOURS

A total of 6 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) credits are offered in this seminar, which include 1.5 *Ethics* hours.

## ONSITE REGISTRATION

Registration will be open from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 2 and will be located outside the classroom in the rear lobby of the convention center. Staff will be located in the back of the classroom for additional assistance.

## CLASSROOM INFORMATION

**Location:** All educational sessions will be held in the rear meeting rooms of the Bristlecone Convention Center.

**Internet Service:** Wireless internet access is available at the Convention Center but is limited in the rear room. We recommend bringing your 3G/4G enabled devices or downloading session materials prior to your arrival, as connection quality cannot be guaranteed.

**Meals:** Breakfast and lunch on Thursday will be provided compliments of the State Bar of Nevada.

## CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

The Certificate of Attendance (COA) is included in your registration packet. Please return your completed and signed form to the staff table at the conclusion of the conference or you may mail the form to the

Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts, Attn: Judicial Education Unit, 201 South Carson Street, Suite 250, Carson City, NV 89701, or fax to (775) 687-9850. The Judicial Education Unit will submit the COA to the appropriate board, as applicable. The completed form is required for all attendees in order to receive reimbursement for travel expenses.

## EVALUATIONS

The Conference Evaluation is included in your registration packet. Please return your completed form to the staff table at the conclusion of the conference. Your opinion is very important and will assist us in improving future judicial education opportunities. All responses are kept confidential.

## THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA 2016 ANNUAL FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE

The State Bar of Nevada 27th Annual Family Law Conference immediately follows the AOC Nevada Family Jurisdiction Judges 2016 Conference.

The AOC will reimburse the registration fee for judges attending the State Bar Family Law Conference (original receipt required). However, the AOC is unable to reimburse masters for expenses related to the State Bar Family Law Conference.

Judges attending both the Nevada Family Jurisdiction Judges 2016 Conference and the State Bar of Nevada 27th Annual Family Law Conference will be reimbursed for lodging and meals not provided during the conference, as well as for and daily incidental expenses while on travel status.

Masters will only be reimbursed for their expenses for travel to and from Ely for the Nevada Family Jurisdiction Judges 2016 Conference, including lodging on Tuesday, March 1 (if necessary) and Wednesday, March 2.





# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## CLAIM FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Supreme Court of Nevada, AOC Accounting Unit will, upon receipt, process your Claim for Travel Expense for reimbursement. If the original Claim for Travel Expense form is complete, accurate, and includes the Certificate of Attendance and required receipts, you should receive your reimbursement within 5 business days. Refer to the travel claim procedures and documentation requirements as outlined in the materials in your registration packet. This information will also be available on the conference website. If you have any questions prior to submitting your Claim for Travel Expense form, please contact the AOC Accounting Unit at (775) 684-1700.

**Note:** When in doubt as to whether a cost incurred during travel status can be reimbursed, keep an itemized receipt, claim the cost on the Claim for Travel Expense form, and submit the receipt with the claim. The AOC Accounting Unit will notify you if the expense claimed is allowable for reimbursement under the Supreme Court Travel Policy.

## SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT & ELIGIBILITY

**Conference Attendance:** The total conference hours are 6. Failure to attend a minimum of 75% (4.5 hours) may result in less than full reimbursement.

**Meals:** Participants must travel at least 30 miles (round-trip) from their primary workstation to receive reimbursement for meals not included at the conference.

**Lodging:** Only the lodging rate (maximum of \$89.00 per night) plus tax are reimbursable. Submission of the original hotel receipt must accompany your Claim for Travel Expense form.

## MEALS

Non-reimbursable meals provided during the seminar include breakfasts and lunch on Thursday. Meals not provided will be reimbursed as outlined in the Nevada Supreme Court Travel Policy. The Supreme Court's per diem rates (no receipt required) are \$11.00/breakfast, \$12.00/lunch, and \$23.00/dinner for meals not provided from breakfast on Tuesday, March 1 through dinner on Friday, March 4. You must be in travel status from 7:00 - 9:00 am to receive reimbursement for breakfast, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm for lunch, and 5:00 - 7:00 pm for dinner.

## INCIDENTALS

The AOC will reimburse you for incidental expenses at \$5.00 per day. Incidental expenses are costs incurred for fees relating to luggage carts, metered parking, toll charges, and tips. Receipts are not required.

## VENDOR REGISTRATION POLICY

### (masters and other non-district court judge attendees)

NRS 227.200 requires, among other things, that all persons who get a payment from the State, e.g., travel reimbursement for judicial education, receive that payment via electronic funds transfer (EFT). Should you anticipate claiming travel or related expenses for the Nevada Family Jurisdiction Judges 2016 Conference, please take a moment to register for electronic payment with the State using the Vendor Registration (New Payees) form. This will enable us to process your claim upon receipt.

It takes approximately 2 weeks to establish your vendor account. If you currently receive payments from the State via EFT, no further action is required.

Please be sure to include a voided check and fax or mail the form along with the voided check to the Supreme Court of Nevada AOC Accounting Unit at (775) 684-1778.



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